# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF AUDIO/VIDEO STUDIO
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up the first audio-video studio at the Indian Museum at Kolkata with Japanese assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total worth of electronic equipment supplied by Japan;

(d) the other assistance provided by Japan; and

(e) the steps taken to preserve various Indian art forms and antics ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE ( SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) : The Indian Museum, Kolkata, an autonomous organisation under the Department of Culture received the video camera and editing equipment worth 50 million Japanese Yen (equivalent to Rs.2.05 crores in Indian Rupee) in March, 1999 as aid from Govt. of Japan, to set up the audio-video studio at Indian Museum, Kolkata.The assistance was confined only to the supply of the electronic equipments.

(e) : Systematic and classified documentation of different art objects pertaining to the Art, Archaeology and Anthropology are documented for proper and scientific preservation. Further the Central Government institutions, notable being National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property, Lucknow are engaged in
(i) developing the conservation capabilities of Museums, archives, archaeology departments etc;
(ii) providing services in conservation of cultural property of the country; and
(iii) advise various cultural institutions in conservation matters.